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SUBJECT: MARIJUANA USE STUDY AND KAREN FIGUERES PROPOSAL

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D) SULLIVAN/LANE LETTER OF JULY 23

1. MISS ELEANOR CARROLL AND DR. STEPHEN SZARA OF CENTER FOR STUDIES OF NARCOTICS AND DRUG ABUSE, NIMH ARE PLANNING TO VISIT COSTA RICA ON OR ABOUT OCT. 14-20 IN CONNECTION WITH MARIJUANA USE STUDY. THEY AND CONTRACTOR DR. WILLIAM CARTER OF UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA WILL MEET WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIALS; AND WILL CALL EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL.

2. WHILE IN COSTA RICA, CARROLL AND SZARA WILL MEET WITH KAREN FIGUERES TO DISCUSS HER PLANS FOR COSTA RICA IN NARCOTICS FIELD. THEY DO NOT PLAN TO RAISE THE PLAN PRESENTED IN KAREN FIGUERES' MEMORANDUM OF JULY 5 (SAODAP AND NIMH OFFICIALS HAVE EXAMINED THIS PLAN AND AGREE IT IS POORLY CONCEIVED.) NIMH AND SAODAP WOULD LIKE THE CALL ON MRS. FIGUERES OR HER STAFF TO BE VERY LOW-KEY. THEY ARE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO MRS. FIGUERES' IDEAS, BUT NOT PREPARED TO MAKE COMMITMENTS. SAODAP REMAINS
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READY TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

AND ADVICE WHERE SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL BE USEFUL AND PRACTICAL.

3. CARROLL AND SZARA INTEND TO CONTACT MRS. FIGUERES AFTER ACCOMPLISHING THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF VISIT (MARIJUANA USE STUDY.) EMBASSY OF COURSE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH MEETINGS. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY PARTICIPATION MAY ADD UNWANTED EMPHASIS TO THIS INFORMAL AND PRELIMINARY MEETING.

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